

Requesting the return of a bill to amend sections 71 and 92 of the act organizing district courts, as the House had reconsidered the same.

Mr. Potter introduced a bill providing means for payment of certain debts created by authority of the late Convention of the People of the State of Texas. Read first and second times, and referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Stockdale, chairman of the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported the following bills:

A bill to provide for the payment of the claims of the company commanded by Captain John Williams in the years 1858 and 1859, and to make an appropriation to pay the same.

A bill to fix the time of holding the District Courts in the Seventh Judicial District.

A bill to amend the second section of an act to reorganize the Fifteenth Judicial District, and regulate the time of holding courts therein, correctly enrolled, properly signed, and this day presented to the Governor.

Mr. Lott presented the memorial of Pryor Lea concerning Extradition. Read first and second times, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Erath introduced a bill to supply deficiencies in former appropriations for Frontier Protection, and to provide for future expenses. Read first and second times, and referred to Finance committee.

On motion of Mr. Duggan, Mr. Herbert was added to the committee on Apportionment.

The motion to reconsider the vote adopting the report of the Judiciary committee, recommending the rejection of the bill supplementary to an act concerning executions, upon which the Senate adjourned on Saturday, being in order,

On motion, the Senate adjourned until ten o'clock, A. M. tomorrow.

TUESDAY, April 2nd, 1861.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Shepard, Chairman of the committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred a bill supplemental to the several acts organizing the state government, reported the same back to the Senate and recommended its indefinite postponement.

Mr. Miller, chairman of the committee on Finance, made the following reports :

The committee on Finance have considered a bill granting a pension to Cynthia Ann Parker, and instruct me to report the same back to the Senate and recommend its passage with the following amendments :

Strike out of the first section all that occurs after the words "a pension of" and insert the words "one hundred dollars per annum for five years, commencing first day of January, 1861, to be paid quarterly as hereafter specified," and the sum of one hundred dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay said pension, the first year ending 1st January, 1862.

The Finance committee to whom was referred a bill donating land to Cynthia Ann Parker and her daughter To-Kusan Parker, have considered the same and instruct me to report the same back to the Senate and recommend the adoption of the accompanying substitute :

The Finance committee have considered a bill to supply deficiencies in former appropriations for frontier protection, and to provide for future expenses, and instruct me to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend its passage with the following amendments, to-wit :

After the words "be it enacted," insert the words "by the Legislature of the State of the State of Texas.

Mr. Shepard, chairman of the committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred a resolution of the Convention, recommending the passage of extradition laws by the Legislature, reported the same to the Senate, recommending that the same be referred to the committee on the Judiciary, as a bill is already before that committee for consideration, embracing the same subject matter.

Mr. Hyde, chairman of the committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred a bill for the relief of Ware Benge, reported the same to the Senate and recommended its passage.

Mr. Hyde, chairman of the committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred a bill for the relief of Nathan Davis, re-reported the same to the Senate, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Potter, chairman of the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to incorporate Columbus Lodge No. 51, I. O. O. F., returned the same to the Senate, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Potter, chairman of the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred an act repealing an Ordinance of the late

Convention of the people of the State of Texas, in relation to Custom House officers and custom's revenue adopted March 8th, 1861, returned the same to the Senate, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Hyde, chairman of the committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred a bill for the relief of Martin Jones, reported the same to the Senate, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Hyde, chairman of the committee on Private Land Claims, made the following report :

The committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred an act for the relief of Thos. H. Duggan, have considered the same, and find the facts to be these, viz :

Said Duggan came to Texas in 1835, obtained an order of survey from an empressario, Geo. A. Nixon, for one league, as a head of a family. For reasons beyond his control, he did not bring his family until a short time after the law expired granting a league and labor. He received a certificate for 640 acres, and has an equitable claim for the remainder 3965 acres.

The committee instruct me to report the bill back with the facts for the consideration of the Senate, with the following amendment :

Strike out "3788" and insert "3965," in fifth and sixth lines, and add after the word "Duggan" in thirteenth line, " and one labor. "

Mr. Potter of the committee on Finance, to whom was referred a bill providing means for the payment of certain debts created by authority of the late Convention of the people of the State of Texas, reported the same to the Senate, recommending amendments and the passage of the bill:

Amendments : In first section, fill blank with "ten" :

2nd. At the end of first section, add "*provided*, That in case the bonds of Texas Central Railroad Company shall be withdrawn from the Treasury for the purpose herein contemplated; the coupon bonds for interest connected therewith and which are now due or will become due during the period that said bonds are to be pledged or hypothecated, shall be retained in the Treasury, and when said railroad bonds are released from such pledge or hypothecation, the same shall be immediately replaced in the Treasury and there remain as a portion of the Special School Fund as heretofore.

A bill to define the line of Ball and Milam counties. Read and ordered to be engrossed.

Rule suspended, bill read third time and passed.

A bill to authorize the county court of Anderson county to

levy and collect a special tax for certain purposes. Read and passed to a third reading.

Rule suspended, read third time and passed.

Mr. Potter introduced a joint resolution in relation to the revenue cutter "Dodge," and the officers thereof. Read first time.

Rule suspended, read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Rule further suspended, read third time and passed.

Mr. Duggan introduced a joint resolution for co-operation with the Confederate States. Read first and second times and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Dulaney introduced a joint resolution proposing amendments to the Constitution. Read first and second times and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Schleicher introduced a bill to pay Commissioners to ascertain losses by Indian depredations. Read first and second times and referred to the committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Pitts presented the petition of sundry citizens of Tyler, for the relief of the Sheriff. Read and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Potter introduced a joint resolution in relation to the establishment of an Admiralty Court at Galveston. Read first time.

Rule suspended, read second time.

Mr. Stockdale offered the following amendment:

Insert after the word "court" in the fourth line of the first section the following:

"For the State of Texas" and at the end of that line, insert "and such other places on the coast as commerce requires" amend the caption accordingly, which were adopted and bill ordered to be engrossed.

Rule further suspended bill read third time and passed.

The question on the reconsideration of the vote which adopted the report of the committee recommending the rejection of the bill supplementary to an act concerning executions being in order, Mr. Martin moved to lay the motion to reconsider, on the table—upon which the yeas and nays were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Dulaney, Guinn, Herbert, Hyde, Martin, Potter, Stockdale, Throckmorton, and Whaley.—9

NAYS—Messrs. Blanch, Chambers, Duggan, Erath, Gentry, Grimes, Harmon, Lott, Miller, Neal, Parsons, Pitts, Rains, Scarborough, Shepard, and Walker.—17.

So the motion was lost.

Whereupon Mr. Throckmorton moved a call of the Senate, which was sustained.

Mr. Stockdale, from the committee on Internal Improvements, to which was referred a bill to incorporate the Galveston and Houston Junction Railroad Company, reported the same to the Senate and recommended its passage.

Mr. Gentry, from the committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred a House bill to encourage the establishment of Manufactories in the State of Texas, reported the same to the Senate and recommended its passage with the following amendments :

Amend the first section by striking out in 5th line, the words "silk and hempen."

Strike out in 8th line "lead copper and silver." In 8th and 9th lines, "or establishment for the manufacturing of salt."

Amend first section in 10th line, by inserting after the words "gunpowder" and "leather, and all manufactories from said leather, and manufactories of locomotive engines and railway cars, and for the refining of domestic sugar."

Strike out in 11th line, the word "ten" and insert "eight."

Amend section second by striking out the word "three" in 6th line, and insert "two," strike out "two" and insert "one."

Amend third section by striking out "five" and insert "two," and add the following section :

Section 4th. That no person or persons or corporation, shall be entitled to the benefits of this act on any manufacturing establishment in which a less amount of capital is invested than ten thousand dollars, on a greater sum than one hundred thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be invested in a single manufactory, and

That this act take effect and be in force for the term of six years from and after its passage.

On motion of Mr. Throckmorton the Bill to supply deficiencies in former appropriations for frontier protection and to provide for future expenses, was taken up read and ordered to be engrossed; rule suspended, read 3d time and passed.

A message was received from the House announcing the passage of the following bills, which were severally acted on as follows :

A bill to provide for the payment of the current expenses of the Revenue Cutter "Dodge." Read first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

A bill authorizing a loan imposing a specific tax to meet the principal and interest and specifying how the money shall be ap-

plied. Read first and second times and referred to a select committee of five, to-wit :

Messrs. Gentry, Stockdale, Throckmorton, Lott and Martin.

A bill providing for the disposition of runaway slaves. Read first and second times, and referred to the committee on State Affairs :

Mr. Throckmorton, chairman of the Joint Committee on the reduction of expenditures of the State Government, made the following report :

The joint committee on the Reduction of Expenditures of the State Government, have examined into, and considered of the appropriations and expenditures of the Lunatic, Deaf and Dumb and Blind Asylum.

The salaries of officers, except Superintendant of Lunatic Asylum, are not fixed by law, but are fixed by the Trustees of the several Institutions.

The patients of the Lunatic Asylum and the pupils of the Deaf and Dumb and Blind Asylums, are supported by the State entirely, so far as provisioning and lodging them. The officers of the institution and their families are also lodged and fed at the expense of the State.

The great pressure upon the State Treasury, and the necessity there exists for an increase in the taxes, and a corresponding necessity for the most rigid economy in the administration of any department of government have induced your committee to report the accompanying bill and to recommend its passage.

It will be observed in the bill, we have proposed that the pupils of the Deaf Dumb and blind Asylums shall not cost the State more than \$150 annually, each. We mean by this, that the average cost of each pupil for educating and supporting him shall not be a charge to the state for more than that sum, and all over that sum shall be paid by the parents or guardians, and in the case of indigents, by the county that sends them.

We suppose by a rigid system of economy, (after the schools are properly started,) that one hundred and fifty dollars per annum, each will support and educate this unfortunate class of our people.

It is extremely difficult for us to determine what is necessary, and much indeed, all reforms and improvements must be intrusted in a great degree, to the observation of the officers and Trustees of the several Institutions. If they are administered with prudence and economy, the State can keep them up. But if extravagances and superfluities enter into the administration of them, they had at once better be abolished. We believe they

are doing great good, and that the blessings of the unfortunate will be heaped upon those who inaugurated a system of so much humanity, and to make it continuous, and that thousands of poor creatures hereafter, may have cause to bless the generosity of their State, it is earnestly hoped that those Trustees and Officers who control the several institutions, will have on eye and heart single to their permanency and the blessings which they are to confer upon the helpless for whose benefit they have been endowed. The committee are satisfied that the Trustees and Officers will do their whole duty in carrying out the objects had in view, in the endowment of the several asylums. The gratitude of the whole State is due the Trustees of the several asylums, their labors are gratuitous and prompted wholly by the most benevolent and generous impulses.

A bill to establish certain regulations for the management of the Lunatic, Deaf and Dumb and Blind Asylums. Read first time.

A bill for the relief of George W. Morris. Read and ordered to be engrossed.

Rule suspended, read third time and passed.

A bill to define the boundaries of Hopkins county was, on motion of Mr. Harmon, laid on the table.

A bill granting land on which to erect buildings for public worship, with the report of the committee thereon recommending its rejection, read and adopted.

A bill to enable J. H. Saunders, the guardian of Webster J. Saunders, to remove the property of his ward from the State of Texas. Read and ordered to be engrossed.

Rule suspended, read third time and passed.

The report of the committee on Finance, on a bill requiring the Board of Auditors of Debts incurred by authority of the Convention, to audit the claims of Hiram B. Waller, recommending the adoption of a substitute therefor. Read, substitute adopted and bill ordered to be engrossed.

Rule suspended read third time and passed.

The report of the committee on the petition of Wm Rice, for express service, recommending its rejection, read and adopted.

Mr. Throckmorton introduced a bill supplemental to an act supplemental to an act making an appropriation for the per diem pay and mileage of the members and officers of the Convention. Read first and second times and referred to the committee on Finance.

The report of the Judiciary committee on a joint resolution concerning the records of the district courts of the late United

States, recommending its rejection. Read and adopted.

The Senate being full, and the question being on the reconsideration of the vote which adopted the report of the Judiciary committee, recommending the rejection of the bill supplementary to an act concerning executions.

Mr. Gentry moved the previous question, which was ordered.

The yeas and nays were then taken on the reconsideration and stood thus:

YEAS—Messrs. Blanch, Chambers, Duggan, Fall, Harmon, Lott, Miller, Neal, Parsons, Pitts, Rains, Scarborough, Shepard and Walker—14.

NAYS—Messrs. Dulaney, Erath, Gentry, Grimes, Guinn, Herbert, Hyde, Martin, Potter, Schleicher, Stockdale, Throckmorton and Whaley—13.

The question then recurred on the adoption of the report.

Whereupon Mr. Lott moved to lay the report and bill upon the table, and the yeas and nays being called were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Blanch, Chambers, Duggan, Fall, Harmon, Lott, Miller, Neal, Parsons, Pitts, Rains, Shepard and Walker—13.

NAYS—Messrs. Dulaney, Erath, Gentry, Grimes, Guinn, Herbert, Hyde, Martin, Potter, Scarborough, Schleicher, Stockdale, Throckmorton and Whaley—14.

Mr. Gentry moved to indefinitely postpone the whole subject.

Whereupon the yeas and nays were called and the motion carried by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Blanch, Dulaney, Erath, Gentry, Grimes, Guinn, Herbert, Hyde, Martin, Potter, Scarborough, Schleicher, Stockdale, Throckmorton and Whaley—15.

NAYS—Messrs. Chambers, Duggan, Fall, Harmon, Lott, Miller, Neal, Parsons, Pitts, Rains, Shepard and Walker—12.

On motion the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock, A. M. tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, April 3, 1861.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Miller, chairman of the Finance committee, made the following reports:

The committee on Finance, having considered a bill to make an appropriation for the payment for certain mules furnished for